

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the current abstract found on page 19, with the paragraph below wherein deletions in the original text are shown in strike-out and additions are shown in underlining. A separate sheet containing the new Abstract is also enclosed.

**--Abstract**

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A fastening element for plastic containers, comprising a plurality of first bushings interconnected by connecting bridges, and ~~to~~ a fastening system for liquid-proof flanging or attachment of plastic containers for liquids, ~~said~~ wherein the fastening system ~~comprising~~ comprises a fastening element having a plurality of first bushings, interconnected by connecting bridges, and a flange.--